

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE BLACK CAUCUS OF THE PUBLIC POLICY
FORUM ON CIVIL DISORDERS - MAY 10, 1968

WHEREAS in the State of New Jersey, racism has produced a system which makes people of color the major "clients or problems" of our state and

WHEREAS white racism is the single most pervasive attitude in New Jersey society and

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the governor and other elected and appointed officials to exercise leadership to improve race relations for the good and health of the entire state,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the governor should forthwith appoint a black person to his cabinet and fully integrate the state official policy-making apparatus,
2. That the Division on Civil Rights be elevated to a department of the State of New Jersey and a black person be appointed as Commissioner and it be given all powers and authority to aggressively seek and eliminate all racial bias in the State of New Jersey,
3. That the State of New Jersey immediately assume administrative control of the Newark school system and fully involve the community of Newark in policy formulation.
4. That the State of New Jersey immediately investigate the fatal shooting of the young black student of Trenton, New Jersey during the recent disturbances.

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5. That the governor and the state legislature increase the number of trustees on the Board of the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry to provide the immediate appointment of two black persons from the City of Newark, *to that board,*

6. That the Department of Higher Education and the State of New Jersey and all other relevant departments in the State of New Jersey influence and compel New Jersey State colleges to appoint black admissions officers to insure the maximum possible enrollment of black students in New Jersey colleges; where necessary, scholastic aptitude tests and other presently used criteria should be adjusted or ~~revised~~ ^{revised} Immediate steps should be taken to increase the enrollment of black students at Newark-Rutgers, where they are only 60 out of 2,900 *students.*

7. That the State of New Jersey Department of Civil Service, revise its qualifications for administrative posts in the State, County and Municipal governments to allow the appointment of black persons to administrative posts *etc.*

8. That the State of New Jersey immediately institute a massive program of economic development in ghetto areas providing money and technical assistance to black corporations *for self-development.*

9. That the State Department of Education appoint black people to administrative positions. *a Mr. Conley & many others*

10. That the welfare system be reorganized and a majority of the welfare directors be black people.

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11. That these resolutions adopted be forwarded immediately to Governor Hughes, to cabinet members, to leaders of the New Jersey legislature and the President of Rutgers University.

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